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MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER
FROM: AL HAIG
SUBJECT: JCS Views on SALT and Zero-ABM

Admiral Moorer has noted increasing concern within the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the issue of SALT in general and Smith's latest proposal for a zero-ABM ban. He has asked that I make available to you:

- Tab A, his memorandum to the Secretary of Defense with an appendix which contains an alysis of the over-all impact of NSDMs 117 and 120 on relative US/Soviet strategic capabilities, and
- Tab B, the Chairman's July 31 memorandum to the Secretary of Defense which strongly opposed the zero-ABM proposal.

The Chairman considers that there has been a recent serious drift away from a more responsible US attitude on SALT. I am inclined to share his concern both from the standpoint of its impact on relative US/Soviet capabilities, and also because if this attitude prevails, it is probable that it will soon be translated into fodder for responsible criticism of current trends.

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